facilities, physical and social infrastructural services, regional landuse and environment and ecology.

(c) The draft Plan is yet to be published for inviting reactions of State Governments and others.

(d) The proposals for allocation of funds are under process.

Swiss aided dairy Development projects

2345. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Swiss aided dairy development projects have been launched in Orissa;

(b) if so, since when and the aid given by the Swiss Government during the last three years, year-wise and for the current year;

(c) the districts in Orissa where the dairy development projects have been launched; and

(d) the project-wise achievements made so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Dispossession of land of tribals

2346. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the tribals in different parts of the country are being dispossessed of their land; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken to prevent this process?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV: (a) and (b) Most States having sizeable population of Scheduled Tribes have made provisions in their tenancy laws to protect the interests of tribals against alienation of their land to those who do not belong to the Scheduled Tribes which has remained a part of national policy. However, the problem of alienation of tribal land has been observed in varying degrees in these States.

Government of India have reviewed the implementation of above protective measures from time to time. The subject has also been discussed in detail in the last two Conferences of States Revenue Ministers held in May, 1985 and November, 1986 respectively.

With a view to check alienation of tribal land, the States have been advised, in terms of Consensus arrived at in these Conferences, among other things, to plug loopholes in the existing legal provisions to make adequate administrative arrangements for speedy and effective implementation of the law, to creat sufficient awareness among tribals to enable them to take advantage of these legal provisions, etc.

देश में तांबे की खानें

2347. **कुमारी सईदा खातून :** क्या इस्पात और खान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश में तांबे की कितनी खानें हैं ;

(ख) क्या सभी तांबा खानों में कर्मचारियों की भर्ती पर पाबंदी लगी हुई है ;

(ग) क्या सरकार इस बात को ध्यान में रखते हुए कि मध्य प्रदेश में तांबे की खानें (मलाजखंड) आदिवासी क्षेत्र में स्थित हैं और वहां 100 से अधिक पद रिक्त पड़े हैं उन खानों के मामले में कर्मचारियों की भर्ती पर लगी पाबंदी को हटाने का विचार रखती है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो कब तक ?